IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A system for a covered belt for a personal flotation device, the system comprising:

a buoyant material, having a first side arranged to face towards a body of a user of the device, and a second side arranged to face away from the body;

a cover, arranged to cover at least a portion of the second side of the buoyant material; and

- a belt, arranged to encircle a portion of the body, positioned between at least a portion of the cover and the second side of the buoyant material, the belt passing through the cover at at least one location, the belt being stitched to the cover near adjacent the at least one location where the belt passes through the cover.
- 2. (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the cover includes stretchable fabric.
- 3. (Original): The system of Claim 2, wherein the stretchable fabric includes neoprene.
 - 4. (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the belt includes nylon webbing.
- 5. (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the belt is arranged to encircle the body.
- 6. (Original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the belt is stitched to the cover at at least two locations.

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